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SUBJECT: BASE NEGOTIATIONS

1. UNDER DEFENSE COMPATIBILITY ACTION PLAN - PROGRAM 1 (EXERCISES), DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OFFICERS FROM USCINCEUR AND SPANISH MILITARY HAVE BEEN UNDER WAY LOOKING TOWARD JOINT AND COMBINED SPANISH/US TRAINING EXERCISE (FLAMENCO DANCE) FOR MAY 1975. IN MEMO DECEMBER 18 TO PERMANENT SECRETARIAT OF SPANISH/US JOINT COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE MATTERS, JUSMG/MAAG REPORTED STATUS OF PLANNING FOR EXERCISE FLAMENCO DANCE AND STRESSED NEED TO CONFIRM DATES AND INCLUDE SUBORDINATE UNITS IN FURTHER PLANNING SESSIONS.

2. OF INTEREST IS SPANISH REPLY DATED DEC 20 AND SIGNED BY GENERAL FERNANDEZ VALLESPIN, CHIEF OF HIGH GENERAL STAFF, WHICH ESCHEWS ESTABLISHING DATES: MEMO SAYS "SINCE DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING WHETHER OR NOT TO RENEW PRESENT AGREEMENTS ARE IN PROGRESS, IT WOULD BE ABSURD TO CONDUCT EXERCISE IN QUESTION IF SAID DISCUSSIONS WERE TO FAIL."

3. COMMENT: WHILE SPECULATIVE FOR MOMENT, IT IS LIKELY THAT SPANISH HAVE DECIDED THAT BY PARTICIPATING IN EXERCISE OF THIS MAGNITUDE UNDER DEFENSE COMPATIBILITY PLAN ESTABLISHED UNDER 1970 AFC, THEY WOULD WEAKEN THEIR CURRENT NEGOTIATING POSITION WHICH
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MAINTAINS THAT THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY IS NOT SUFFICIENT

TO MEET THEIR DESIRES FOR REAL JOINT PLANNING.

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